

July 28

Departed Denison, 6:30 a.m. At 7:15 a.m. Garford #39732 stopped on account engine missing badly, due to dirty spark plugs and too much oil. Also one exhaust valve was not seating and piston rings were not tight in cylinders 1, 2 and 3. The exhaust valve tappet adjustment screw was too long. At 8:15 a.m. Class B tanker #80214 stalled on account dirty high speed jet in Zenith Carburetor, which was cleaned out. At 9:15 a.m. Mack #51481, carrying tractor, ran hot again. Spark was advanced just a trifle. At 1:15 p.m. lunch was served at Missouri Valley by Red Cross Canteen Service. At 1:30 p.m. Packard #36168 was struck by Mack Blacksmith Shop #4, breaking off right front hub cap, with odometer, and bending right steering arm, which was straightened at a nearby blacksmith shop and replaced. At 3:25 p.m. Class B. #414668 stopped on account mixture too rich, spark plug gaps too wide and magneto short-circuited. Fair and warm. Dirt roads, heavy dust. Made 72 mi. in 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. Arrived Council Bluffs, Iowa, 4:15 p.m.

July 29

Departed Council Bluffs, 7:30 a.m. Crossed Missouri River via Douglas Street Bridge into Omaha, Nebraska. At 8:15 Convoy-paraded through the city, escorted by the Mayor, Reception Comm., a band and a truck load of uniformed War Camp Community Service Workers. Camped at Fort Omaha, where work was started on removal of Dixon Graphite lubricants, as per orders. A number of solid tires, which had become badly worn due to character of roads recently traversed, were changed, necessitating considerable work, but accomplished satisfactorily. Privileges of the beautiful new Omaha Athletic Club were extended to the officers. In the evening, a beautiful dinner was given by Mr. A. K. Stewart, of the Packard Motor Car Co., at the Athletic Club, to all officers of the Convoy and stationed at Ft. Omaha and some prominent citizens of the city. Excellent entertainment was provided during the dinner. Refreshments and dance for the enlisted men at Krug Park. By courtesy of Lt. Col. Wuest, C.O. Ft. Omaha, Ordnance Observer made balloon ascension. Fair and very warm. Excellent roads. Made 5 miles in 2 hrs. Arrived Omaha, Nebraska, 9:30 a.m.

July 30

Departed Omaha, 6:45 a.m.: 6 mi. from Ft. Omaha Trail-mobile kitchen lost rear wheel on account Bower roller bearing breaking up, due to outer race going to pieces. At 11 a.m. refreshments were served at Fremont. Here G.M.C. Ambulance #39303 could not be started until magneto brush was cleaned. Near Ames Garford #39734 bent steering drag link in heavy sand, and cover was lost from magneto breaker. 5 mi. west of Ames, Riker #415009 broke fan belt. At 1 p.m. luncheon was served at North Bend. Near Rogers, Dodge #26989 halted to clean dust out of Stewart Carburetor and Bosch Magneto.